

What is claimed is:

1. A dish rack (1) for a dishwasher, comprising a feed tube (2) for a spray arm that is rotatably mounted beneath the rack (1), a pipe branch (3) being disposed in the region of the feed tube, for an intensive washing zone (4) provided in the region of the dish rack (1), wherein the intensive washing zone (4) is preferably formed by rod-shaped pipe elements (5), (6) provided with outlet nozzles (7), the pipe elements (5, 6) being attached to the wire members (8) of the rack (1) and being in communication with the pipe branch (3) via a T-piece (10), a pipe element (5) and/or (6) cooperating with an actuator (11) in such a way that the intensive washing zone (4) can be activated and deactivated as needed.

2. The dish rack as recited in Claim 1, wherein the intensive washing zone (4) is preferably arranged beneath the pivotable cup support (1.1) of the rack (1); and the pipe elements (5), (6) are in communication with the pipe branch (3) via a valve (11.1), the actuator (11) being constituted by the cup support (1.1), so that pivoting the cup support (1.1) will open or close valve (11.1).

3. The dish rack as recited in Claims 1 and 2, wherein the valve (11.1) is located in the region of the swivel axis (1.2) of the cup support (1.1), the valve (11.1) itself being formed by a pipe-in-pipe arrangement having openings (16) that are aligned with each other.

4. The dish rack as recited in Claims 1 through 3, wherein the pipe elements (5), (6) are attached by retaining clips to the wire members (8) of the cup support (1.1) of the rack (1), said retaining clips allowing relative movement while the cup support (1.1) is being pivoted.

5. The dish rack as recited in Claims 1 through 4, wherein the connecting pipe between the pipe branch (3) and the valve (11.1) is formed by two L-shaped pipes.

6. The dish rack as recited in Claim 1,

wherein the intensive washing zone (4) is attached beneath the rack (1) to the wire members (8), and is preferably formed by rod-shaped pipe elements (5), (6) having outlet nozzles (7) provided around the periphery thereof; and  
the pipe elements (5, 6) are communication with the pipe branch (3) via a T-piece (10),  
the pipe element (5) being rotatably mounted and cooperating with the actuator (11) in such a way that the intensive washing zone (4) can be manually activated and deactivated as needed.

7. The dish rack as recited in Claim 6,  
wherein the rotatable pipe element (5) has a mounting region for the actuator (11) at its one end (12), while the other end (13) is provided with a recess (14) for providing the passage opening of, or for closing, the two pipe elements (5, 6).